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tear-jerk-er \ˈtɪr-jər-kər\ *n* : an extravagantly pathetic story, song, play, movie, or broadcast

tease \tēz\ *vb* **teased**; **teas-ing** 1 : to disentangle and lay parallel by combing or carding (< wool> 2 : to scratch the surface of (cloth) so as to raise a nap 3 : to annoy persistently esp. in fun by goading, coaxing, or tantalizing 4 : to comb (hair) by taking a strand and pushing the short hairs toward the scalp with the comb • **Synonyms** HARASS, WORRY, PESTER, ANNOY

tease *n* 1 : the act of teasing or state of being teased 2 : one that teases

tea-sel \tē-zəl\ *n* : a prickly herb or its flower head covered with stiff hooked bracts and used to raise the nap on cloth; *also* : an artificial device used for this purpose

tea-spoon \tē-spūn\ *n* 1 : a small spoon suitable for stirring beverages 2 : a unit of measure equal to 1/2 fluid ounce (5 milliliters)

tea-spoon-ful \tē-fūl\ *n*, *pl* **spoonfuls** *also* **spoons-ful** \spūnz-fūl\ : TEASPOON 2

teat \tīt, tēt\ *n* : the protuberance through which milk is drawn from an udder or breast

tech *abbr* 1 technical; technically; technician 2 technological; technology

tech-ne-tium \tek-ˈnē-shē-əm\ *n* : a radioactive metallic chemical element

tech-nic \tek-nik, tek-ˈnēk\ *n* : TECHNIQUE 1

tech-ni-cal \tek-ni-kəl\ *adj* [Gk *technikos* of art, skillful, fr. *technē* art, craft, skill] 1 : having special knowledge esp. of a mechanical or scientific subject (< experts> 2 : of or relating to a particular and esp. a practical or scientific subject (< training> 3 : according to a strict interpretation of the rules 4 : of or relating to technique — **tech-ni-cal-ly** \k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

tech-ni-cal-i-ty \tek-nə-ˈkə-lə-tē\ *n*, *pl* **-ties** 1 : a detail meaningful only to a specialist 2 : the quality or state of being technical

technical sergeant *n* : a noncommissioned officer in the air force ranking next below a master sergeant

tech-ni-cian \tek-ˈni-shən\ *n* : a person who has acquired the technique of a specialized skill or subject

tech-nique \tek-ˈnēk\ *n* [F] 1 : the manner in which technical details are treated or basic physical movements are used 2 : technical methods

tech-no \tek-nō\ *n* : dance music featuring a fast beat and electronically created sounds usu. without vocals

tech-noc-ra-ty \tek-ˈnā-kro-sē\ *n* : management of society by technical experts — **tech-no-crat** \tek-nə-ˈkrāt\ *n* — **tech-no-crat-ic** \tek-nə-ˈkra-tik\ *adj*

tech-nol-o-gy \tek-ˈnā-lə-jē\ *n*, *pl* **-gies** : ENGINEERING; *also* : a manner of accomplishing a task using technical methods or knowledge — **tech-no-log-i-cal** \tek-nə-ˈlā-jī-kəl\ *adj*

tec-ton-ics \tek-ˈtā-niks\ *n* *sing* or *pl* 1 : geological structural features 2 : geology dealing esp. with the faulting and folding of a planet or moon — **tec-ton-ic** \-nik\ *adj*
ted-dy bear \tē-dē-ber\ *n* [Teddy Roosevelt; fr. a cartoon depicting the president sparing the life of a bear cub while hunting] : a stuffed toy bear

te-dious \tē-dē-əs\ *adj* : tiresome because of length or dullness • **Synonyms** BORING, TIRING, IRKSOME — **te-dious-ly** *adv* — **te-dious-ness** *n*

te-di-um \tē-dē-əm\ *n* : TEDIOUSNESS; *also* : BOREDOM

tee \tē\ *n* : a small mound or peg on which a golf ball is placed to be hit at the beginning of play on a hole; *also* : the area from which the ball is hit to begin play

tee *vb* **teed**; **tee-ing** : to place (a ball) on a tee

teem \tēm\ *vb* : to become filled to overflowing : ABOUND • **Synonyms** SWARM, CRAWL, FLOW

teen *adj* : TEENAGE

teen-age \tē-nāj\ or **teen-aged** \-nājd\ *adj* : of, being, or relating to people in their teens — **teen-ag-er** \-nā-jər\ *n*

teens \tēnz\ *n* *pl* : the numbers 13 to 19 inclusive; *esp* : the years 13 to 19 in a person's life

tee-ny \tē-nē\ *adj* **tee-ni-er**; **-est** : TINY

teepee *var* of **TEPEE**

tee shirt *var* of **T-SHIRT**

tee-ter \tē-tər\ *vb* 1 : to move unsteadily 2 : SEESAW — **teeter** *n*

teeth *pl* of **TOOTH**

teethe \tēth\ *vb* **teethed**; **teeth-ing** : to experience the rising of one's teeth through the gums : to grow teeth

teething *n* : growth of the first set of teeth through the gums with its accompanying phenomena

tee-to-tal-er or **tee-to-tal-ler** \tē-ˈtō-təl-ər\ *n* : a person who practices complete abstinence from alcoholic drinks — **tee-to-tal** \tē-ˈtō-təl-, -tō-ˈ\ *adj* — **tee-to-tal-ism** \-ˈl-izəm\ *n*

TEFL *abbr* teaching English as a foreign language

Te-ja-no \tā-ˈhā-(,nō)\ *n*, *pl* **-nos** [Mex Sp, fr. *Tejas* Texas] : a Texan of Hispanic descent

tek-tite \tek-ˈtīt\ *n* : a glassy body of probably meteoric origin

tel *abbr* 1 telegram 2 telegraph 3 telephone

tele-cast \tē-li-,kast\ *vb* **-cast** *also* **-cast-ed**; **-cast-ing** : to broadcast by television — **telecast** *n* — **tele-cast-er** *n*

tel-e-com \tē-li-,kām\ *n* : TELECOMMUNICATION; *also* : the telecommunications industry

tele-com-mu-ni-ca-tion \tē-li-kə-,myū-nə-ˈkā-shən\ *n* : communication at a distance (as by telephone or radio)

tele-com-mute \tē-li-kə-,myūt\ *vb* : to work at home by the use of an electronic linkup with a central office

tele-con-fer-ence \tē-li-,kän-fə-rəns\ *n* : a conference among people remote from one another held using telecommunications — **tele-con-fer-enc-ing** *n*

teleg *abbr* telegraphy

tele-ge-nic \tē-lə-ˈjē-nik, -ˈjē-ˈ\ *adj* : markedly attractive to television viewers

tele-gram \tē-lə-,gram\ *n* : a message sent by telegraph

tele-graph \-ˈgraf\ *n* : an electric apparatus or system for sending messages by a code over wires — **tele-graph-ic** \tē-lə-ˈgrā-fik\ *adj*

tele-graph *vb* : to send or communicate by or as if by telegraph — **tele-graph-er** \tē-lə-ˈgrā-fər\ *n*

tele-graph-ic \tē-lə-ˈgrā-fik\ *adj* : the use or operation of a telegraph apparatus or system

tele-mar-ket-ing \tē-lə-ˈmār-kə-tɪŋ\ *n* : the marketing of goods or services by telephone — **tele-mar-ket-er** \-tər\ *n*

tele-med-i-cine \tē-lə-ˈme-də-sən\ *n* : the practice of medicine using two-way voice and visual communication

tele-m-e-try \tē-lə-mə-trē\ *n* : the transmission esp. by radio of measurements made by automatic instruments to a distant station — **tele-me-ter** \tē-lə-mē-tər\ *n*

tele-pa-thy \tē-lə-pə-thē\ *n* : apparent communication from one mind to another by extrasensory means — **tele-path-ic** \tē-lə-ˈpə-thik\ *adj* — **tele-path-i-cal-ly** \-thi-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

tele-phon \tē-lə-ˈfōn\ *n* : an instrument for sending and receiving sounds over long distances by electricity

tele-phon *vb* **-phoned**; **-phon-ing** 1 : to send or communicate by telephone 2 : to speak to (a person) by telephone — **tele-phon-er** *n*

tele-pho-ny \tē-lə-ˈfō-nē, -ˈfō-ˈ\ *n* : use or operation of an apparatus for transmission of sounds as electrical signals between distant points — **tele-pho-nic** \tē-lə-ˈfā-nik\ *adj*

tele-pho-to \tē-lə-ˈfō-tō\ *adj* : being a camera lens giving a large image of a distant object — **tele-pho-tog-ra-phy** \-fə-ˈtā-grə-fē\ *n*

tele-play \tē-li-,plā\ *n* : a story prepared for television production

tele-print-er \tē-lə-,prin-tər\ *n* : TELETYPEWRITER

tele-prompt-er \tē-lə-,prəmp-tər\ *n* : a device for displaying prepared text to a speaker or performer

tele-scope \tē-lə-,sköp\ *n* 1 : a cylindrical instrument equipped with lenses or mirrors for viewing distant objects 2 : RADIO TELESCOPE

telescope *vb* **-scoped**; **-scop-ing** 1 : to slide or pass or cause to slide or pass one within another like the sections of a collapsible hand telescope 2 : COMPRESS, CONDENSE

tele-scop-ic \tē-lə-ˈskā-pik\ *adj* 1 : of or relating to a telescope 2 : seen only by a telescope 3 : able to discern objects at a distance 4 : having parts that telescope — **tele-scop-i-cal-ly** \-pī-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

tele-text \tē-lə-,tekst\ *n* : a system for broadcasting text over a television signal and displaying it on a decoder-equipped television

tele-thon \tē-lə-,thän\ *n* : a long television program usu. to solicit funds for a charity

tele-type-writer \tē-lə-ˈtīp-,rī-tər\ *n* : a printing device resembling a typewriter used to send and receive signals over telephone lines

tele-vise \tē-le-ˈvīz\ *vb* : to televise

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